these troubles... . The Rajah Sahib ... threatened that he would kill me and make me work as the sweeper for his mistresses. . . * My life is still in danger. My health is not good. We[5] all the *ranees,* are suffering the punishment of hell. . , ."A similar letter appeared some years ago from the wife of another Prince in a Bombay paper. There is no need to pursue this delicate subject; only too many states have their *Pare aux Cerfs,* and the persons of the female subjects are no safer than they were in the France of Louis XV.

It is not easy for Princes to grow up as good men. They are surrounded from birth by fawning menials and the enervating atmosphere of the *zenana* and they are taught to regard themselves as little gods. The special schools provided for the Princes do not help much. There they are segregated from ordinary boys and only able to associate with the sycophants who accompany them and with their fellow-Princes. If they go to Europe[9] they only too often learn more of its vice than of its virtue. By the time a prince ascends the *gadi* he may already be an accomplished *roue* and a confirmed libertine. Despite the many solemn injunctions laid upon the Princes by Viceroys and Residents, they rarely get the training to be efficient or self-sacrificing servants of the people. If they are not actually profligate^ they are extravagant.

It is significant that the best ruler in India—Mysore—has only once visited Europe and that was very recently. He was brought up on the strictest Hindu lines by his mother. I doubt whether the Maharajah of Travancore has travelled abroad much. There is no doubt that much depends upon the training of the Princes. The son of a small chief whom I happen to know—a most progressive young man—was educated at a good Indian college alongside other young men and then sent to Oxford. The result was that he became a Radical!

Since this chapter was written there have been some important developments in the states.

In the small state of Mansa the peasantry conducted a campaign and won it. There is unrest in Kashmir. In Rajkot, the major state of the Western Kathiawar Agency, a veritable people's movement has come into being. With a population of